
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S PROGRESS TOWARD AN ALTERNATIVE
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL LEADERS.

1 WHEREAS, strong school leadership is fundamental to
2 creating an exceptional learning environment; and
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4 WHEREAS, the anticipated upcoming retirements of many
5 current public-school principals will likely exacerbate the need
6 for dynamic new leaders; and
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8 WHEREAS, visionary leaders with fresh perspectives are more
9 important than ever as changes to the local and global economy
10 require students to graduate with a future-oriented set of
11 skills; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's current system for
14 hiring school leaders may unnecessarily restrict qualified and
15 talented applicants from charter, private, or out-of-state
16 schools; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Administrative Rules have articulated
19 the requirements for an alternative certification program for
20 school leaders since 2012; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
24 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State Auditor is requested
25 to perform an audit of the Department of Education's activities
26 related to an alternative certification program for school
27 leaders pursuant to subchapter 8-65-2, Hawaii Administrative
28 Rules; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit include the
2 following:

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- 4 (1) Steps taken by the Department of Education to
5 implement an alternative certification program for
6 school leaders;
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- 8 (2) The number of school leaders who have completed this
9 program since 2012;
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- 11 (3) The degree of demand for an alternative certification
12 program for school leaders;
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- 14 (4) Whether any institutions have applied to be authorized
15 providers and what actions the Department of Education
16 has taken to recruit or respond to potential
17 providers;
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- 19 (5) How other states administer such an alternate
20 certification program for school leaders; and
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- 22 (6) Whether any action has been taken to develop
23 alternative pathways that would create hybrid roles in
24 which an individual could serve simultaneously as a
25 teacher and administrator; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor submit a
28 report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations, including
29 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
30 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, Chair
34 of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

